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A ſhort Account of all the moſt conſiderable News, *Foreign* and *Domeſtic*.

Edinburgh, Tueſday December 3, 1723.

From the Evening Poſt, Nov. 28. 1723.

Paris, Decem. 1.

THE Duke de Artin went on the 27th of laſt Month, from the Louvre, to the Royal Academy of Painting, and there diſtributed the Prizes, which conſiſted of 2 Medals of Gold and 6 of Silver. The ſame Day an Order of the King was publiſhed, by which his Majeſty forbids all Games of Hazard, whether in Publick or Private Houſes, the Royal Palaces not excepted.

Whitehall, Nov. 26. Yeſterday in the Evening arrived an Expreſs from Paris, with an Account that his Royal Highneſs Philip Duke of Orleans died of an Apoplexy laſt Thurſday Night, the 21ſt Inſtant, in the 50th Year of his Age, being born the 23 d of July O. S. 1674. On his Deceaſe, the moſt Chriſtian King nam'd the Duke of Bourbon to be firſt Miniſter.

London, Nov. 28. The Lord Chief Juſtice Prat, who is now at Kenſingtoun, is ſomewhat better.

We hear a Rule of Court is made for the Execution of the Waltham Blaks next Wedneſday at Tyburn.

The Town is in great Expectation of a new Tragedy (intended to be acted next Week at the Theatre Royal in Drury Lane) called Henry the 5th, or the Conqueſt of France by the Engliſh. Written by Aaron Hill, Eſq; with new Scenes diſpoſed after a very extraordinary Manner and painted by Signior Angelo an Italian. Good Judges ſay, that for Elegancy of Style, and Characters juſtly drawn, it is not Inferior to any Play that has been brought upon the Stage theſe many Years.

London, Nov. 28. This Day at Noon South Sea Stock was 113. South Sea Annuity 99, one half. Bank 120, one half. India 138, 3 qrs. African 12, 3 8ths. York Buildings 13, one half.

From

From the Flying Poſt.

One of the French Amſterdam *Gazettes has the following Liſt of new Inventions, which may ſerve to amuſe the Publick in the preſent Dearth of Foreign News, there being two Mails due from* Holland, *and as many from* France.

Paris, Nov. 27.

M. Iſaac de la Chaumetre, Chief Engineer, and Member of the *Royal Academy of Sciences*, has publiſhed a Liſt of ſeveral very uſeful Diſcoveries, which he recommends to all Princes and States, as of Univerſal Service to the Publick. It conſiſts of the Twelve following Articles.

I. A Cannon, which is loaden at the Breech, which cools in Charging, is cleaned by Diſcharging, carries twice as far as the ordinary Cannon, tho' 'tis but half as long, and requires but half the Quantity of Powder to charge it, and fires without Recoiling, becauſe the Ball forces it's way, and puſhes the Piece forward; which is mighty advantageous, eſpecially for Shipping, becauſe the Gunners will not be ſo much expoſed as they are by charging at the Mouth; and becauſe, by this Method, a Man may fire ten times for one that he can do now, which will render a Ship or Place inacceſſible.

II. Guns and Piſtols of the ſame Workmanſhip and Efficacy.

III. Swords, which ſerve for Bayonets by a Swivel and a Screw in the Hilt, and are more ſolid than common Bayonets.

IV. Furniture for Gun Powder, which always aſcertains the juſt Proportion of the Charge, by a ſort of Reſerver without any Spring at all.

V. A Machine to cure ſmoaky Houſes, by putting a Plate of Tin, or a Piece of Linnen at the Chimney, half within and half without, to turn upon Hinges.

VI. Two ſorts of Snuff Boxes, out of which a Perſon may take Snuff without taking the Box out of the Pocket, and without waſting any of the Snuff.

VII. A Pen-knife, which makes a Pen with one Cut.

VIII. A Pocket-Knife, more convenient than the common Claſps.

IX. Buckles more commodious and cheaper than the common Sort.

X. A Machine with moving Circles, which has ten Sides, whereon are deſcribed the 10 Signs of Numbers, which ſerve in turning about for any Manner of Calculations for drawing of Lotteries; or for playing without being deceived.

XI. Two Hulſter Piſtols to be turned into a Carabine, and charged without a Rod by a Sort of Thimble, which keeps in the Bullet without ramming.

XII. A Mattraſs to turn on either Side, which laſts four Times longer than the common Sort, and will fit one Place as well as another.

'Experience (ſays the Author) confirms the Value of theſe twelve Articles. 'He alſo propoſes theſe twelve that follow, and promiſes many more at his own 'Charge, provided the Princes and States who make Uſe of theſe Diſcoveries 'will grant him ſome Priviledge or Reward, as the Kings of France and Spain, 'and the Duke of Lorain have already done:

I. Coaches and Chaiſes which are not to be overturned.

II. A Machine for ſtamping Money on both Sides, and round the Edges, by one Swing of a Pendulum: As alſo, to take off the Piece ſo ſtamped, and to lay another in it's Room, all performed by one and the ſame Motion.

III. The beſt Method to eſcape Shipwreck that has yet appeared.

IV. A Bomb or Grenadoe, which is ſure to burſt in the Air when it comes to a certain Height, and is not diſcover'd in it's riſing by any Stream of Fire.

V. Cuiraſſes, which are Proof againſt every Thing, lighter by one Half than uſual; and are ſo well contriv'd for Defence in Caſe of Need, that there is no coming at a Troop which has them.

VI.

VI. Rings that will widen or leſſen to the Size of any Finger.

VII. Pointed Sciſſors, which may be ſafely worn in the Pocket without a Caſe.

VIII. A Machine for circulating the Glaſs about eaſily at Table.

IX. A Picture which ſerves for the Teſter of a Bed at Night, and for adorning a Room by Day,

X. A Lanthorn which holds a Candle better than the common Sort.

XI. A Copper Plate for a Gun, more plain and more ſolid than ordinary.

XII. A Method to diſcharge a Gun always horizontally, which will render a Body of Soldiers, or a Place, ſo inacceſſible, as to oblige the Enemy to give over the Attack, and by the way, to make Arts and Commerce flouriſh without Interruption.

London, Nov. 26. The Reverend Mr. Archdeacon Clagget, who attended his Majeſty Abroad as his Chaplain, is arrived from Hanover.

From the Whitehall Evening Poſt, Nov. 28.

Hamburg, Nov. 23. Letters from Mecklemburg relate, That the Diet at Sternberg is broke up, without having finiſhed any Matter of Conſequence, by reaſon of ſeveral Diſputes and Claſhings among the Nobility, which were carried to ſuch a height, that ſeveral of them have been taken into Cuſtody by Order of the Imperial Commiſſaries, on account of their inſolent Behaviour. The main Diſpute was about the Manner how the Contributions demanded ſhould be rais'd, *viz.* Whether the Lands ſhould be taxed upon their ancient Foot, or according to the Condition they are now in? Which divided the Nobility into 2 Parts.

Juſt now we hear, that the Governor and Regency at Domitz have received poſitive Orders from the Duke of Mecklemburg, to try forthwith all Perſons, both Civil and Military, that are impriſoned there; amongſt which are two, who were employed in the Chancery under the late Governor Van Bugenhagen, and are accuſed of having communicated to him all Matters tranſacted in the Duke's Privy Council.

Lisbon, Nov. 13. The laſt Letters from Cadix ſay, that the Viceroy of Peru was daily expected there, and that upon his Arrival there, the Galleons would forthwith be diſpatched.

This Day his Britannic Majeſty's Ship the Durſley Galley, will ſail hence for Gibraltar and Portmahon, with a Supply of Money for theſe Garriſons.

Madrid, Nov. 16. Their Catholic Majeſties continue in good Health at the Palace of St. Iſle de Fuaſo, as do likewiſe the Prince and Princeſs of Aſturias, and the reſt of the Infants, at the Eſcurial.

Paris, December 1. The General of the Carthuſians has ſent hither a Briet, for the Baniſhment of Thirteen Friars of that Order, who refuſe to accept the Conſtitution: But the Court has granted a Superſedeas at the humble Suit of thoſe Fathers; and we hear that their Cauſe is to be examined before the Keeper of the Seals.

From the Flying Poſt, Nov. 28.

Paris, December 1. The Prince and Princeſs of Modena are expected hither the next Spring. 'Tis ſaid that the King will grant the Prince a Penſion of 3000 Crowns a Month.

London, November 28. Laſt Tueſday the Conge d' Elire paſſed the great Seal, for the Election of Dr. Smalbrook to the Dioceſs of St. David.

The Execution of the Blacks of Waltham is ordered by Rule of Court, on Wedneſday next.

'Tis reckoned that his Majeſty ſet out from Hanover this Day, on his Return to his Britiſh Dominions.

Laſt

Laſt Monday the Counteſs of Macclesfield, and her Daughter the Lady Betty Heathcoat, as alſo her Daughter in Law, the Lady Parker, took the Oaths in the Court of Chancery. The ſame Day the Lord North and Grey took the ſaid Oaths.

'Tis ſaid, the Court will go into Mourning for the Space of 6 Months for the Duke of Orleans.

They write from the Bath, that Sir Richard Steel, who was very dangerouſly ill, has found ſo much Benefit by the Waters, that he is mightily recovered.

Wye's *Letter* verbatim, *London November* 28.

LEtters from Mecklenburg adviſe, That Major General Van Vittinghoff being lately arrived at Domitz from Dantzick, and deſigning to return incognito to his Maſter the Duke of Mecklenburg, as ſoon as he had executed his Commiſſion, was diſcovered and ſeized the 15th Inſtant, by Order of the Imperial Commiſſioners, and carried Priſoner, with all his Papers, and ſome Orders from the Duke to Roſtock: They were going to enter into a ſtrict Examination of him and his Papers, and had reſolved to ſend an Account of this Affair to the King of Great Britain at Hanover; from which Place 'tis aſſured, that his Majeſty was to ſet out as yeſterday, on his Return to England.

Advices from Palermo relate, That the Vice-Roy of Sicily, purſuant to the expreſs Commands of his Imperial Majeſty, had held a Council there with the chief Miniſters, after which, he diſpatch'd Orders to the Nobility of the Kingdom, who bears Titles of Honour, to repair to Palermo, in Order to hold a General Aſſembly there, for regulating ſeveral Affairs relating to the Government of that Kingdom.

Letters from Madrid inform us, That the King of Spain had reſolved to augment his Forces with 50 new Companies.

The Apprehenſions that our People were under, from the News of the Death of the Duke of Orleans, which occaſion'd ſo great a Fall of the Stocks, being now remov'd, by the Choice of the Duke of Bourbon for Prime Miniſter of State, begin with great Chearfulneſs to buy it again, and give for South Sea Stock (which laſt Monday fell from 114 ½, to 108 ½,) 113 *per Cent.* and 'tis thought will riſe higher in a Day or two, from a Dependance, that by the foreſaid Choice the ſame good Meaſures will be purſued, in Concert with the Britiſh Court, as were in the Time of the Adminiſtration of the late Duke of Orleans; and no Doubt, be as well beloved by the Subjects of France as his late Royal Highneſs, who 'tis ſaid, a long Time before his Death, earneſtly ſolicited the King to appoint the Duke abovemention'd for his Majeſty's prime Miniſter: How agreeable this Proceeding will be to the Court of Madrid, we refer to Time to diſcover.

The Tranſactions of laſt Monday and the Day following, of ſome of the tricking Jobbers are much ſpoken of; it ſeems, that to intimidate the People to ſell out their Stock at a low Price to what the Market then bore, they publiſhed, with all the Certainty imaginable the Death of the Duke of Orleans, but kept that of the Duke of Bourbon ſecret as long as they could, by which Means they bought Stock at 108, and 9 *per Cent.* and may now ſell at 4 or 5 *per Cent.* Profit; But they are in Hopes of making greater Advantage before they part with it.

We hear the Papiſts are ſoliciting the foreign Miniſters of their Religion here, to uſe their Endeavours againſt the paſſing the Bill lately tranſmitted from Ireland, for the more effectual preventing the Growth of Popery in that Kingdom.

Paſſengers newly arriv'd from Calais report, That the Ruſſian taken at Liſle by a French Officer was ordered to be brought to Bologn; and 'tis expected he'll be ſeverely tortured, in Order to get out of him the Diſcovery of all the reſt.

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Letters from New-England ſay, That the 17th of October was obſerved there as a ſolemn Faſt of Humiliation; and to implore Succeſs in the preſent expenſive and diſtreſſing War againſt the Indians. They add, That Loe the Pyrate had been at Fyal, and ta en ſeveral Portugueze Veſſels; and afterwards ſteered towards Cape de Verd Iſlands.

Yeſterday dyed a Daughter of the late Edward Holt Eſq; Member of Parliament for Chipinghame in Wilts, ſhe was about 9 Weeks Weeks ago innoculated for the Small Pox, but by an Humour broke out in ſeveral Parts of her Body, which could not be healed, has laboured ever ſince to the Day of her Death under great Miſery and Torture. This being the laſt of the Term, the Duke of Northfolk, Earl of Orrery, Lord North and Gray, Dr. Friend, Mr. Cochran and Mr. Kelly, appeared on their Recognizances and were diſcharged.

The Duke of Leeds came and took the Oaths in the ſaid Court, as did great Numbers of Perſons of Quality, &c. in the Court of Chancery.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

☞ That as it was formerly advertiſed in the *Courant* of the 14th ult, *Thurſday* the 5th Inſtant is appointed by the Committee of the Creditors of *George Winram* of *Eymouth*, for a General Meeting to be held in the Houſe of *Patrick Herdman* Vintner in *Edinburgh* at 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon; ſo it is of new recommended to the ſaids Creditors that they will give punctual Attendance by themſelves in Perſon or Proxies having ſufficient Powers. The chief Deſign of this Meeting being to ſhow the Creditors a Draught of a Submiſſion of their Claims and Debts, in order to their Ranking, and for bringing the Eſtate to a publick voluntar Roup: As alſo a Commiſſion for proſecuting and recovering *Eymouth*'s ſeparate Funds, which Papers the Committee having reviſed and approven, they are by their Appointment extended and ready for ſigning. It is alſo deſired, that ſuch of the Creditors as have not given in Inventaries of their Claims, Vouchers and Diligence may then do it.

*** *That upon the Twenty-third Day of* December *next, in the Houſe of* Patrick Herdman *Vintner in* Edinburgh, *in the* Writers Court *there, between* 3 *and* 4 *a-clock in the Afternoon, will be expoſed to voluntar Roup and Sale, a Laigh Houſe or Cellar, conſiſting of Six Rooms, whereof* 4 *are Fire-roms; a back Vault, and a large fore Vault, lying at the Head of* Bell's Wynd. *The Conditions of Roup and Progreſs of the Writs are to be ſeen in the Hands of* Andrew Geddes *Writer in* Edinburgh, *at his Houſe at the* Bank-cloſs-*head.*

*** *There is a Parcel of good freſh Lemons, to be ſold at one Shilling* Sterling *per Dozen; as alſo, good* China *Oranges and bitter Oranges, freſh Walnuts and Potatoes, Red Herrings, Golden Pippins and Nonpareils, and all other Fruits in Seaſon, at reaſonable Rates, to be ſold the firſt Loft above the* Weigh-Houſe *at* Leith; *or at* Edinburgh, *the firſt Door in the* Covenant-Cloſe, *by* Archibald Shiels.

*** *That the upmoſt Story of* Smith's Land, *to the Fore-ſtreet, the Eaſtmoſt Lodging, is to be Sold. Whoever has a-mind to purchaſe the ſame, may ſee the Rights and Progreſs in the Hands of* Alexander Garioch *Writer in* Edinburgh, *at his Houſe, in the Entry of the Cloſs to* Wardrop's Court, *the firſt Turnpike and 3d Door, who is ready to commune with them anent the Sale.*

That

THAT *there are to be expoſed to Sale by a voluntary Roup, upon* Tueſday *the 7th of* January 1724 *Years, betwixt the Hours of 3 and 5 in the Afternoon, within the Houſe of* John Steel *Vintner in* Edinburgh, *the Lands and Barony of* Carnbee, *holden Taxtward of the Crown, with a Tenement and ſix Acres of Land in* Overkelly, *holding Blench of the Earl of* Kelly, *all lying within the Shire of* Fife, *and extending in yearly free Rent to* 55 *Bolls* 3 *Firlots Meal,* 103 *Bolls* 3 *Firlots Bear,* 6 *Bolls* 3 *Firlots* 3 *Pecks Oats,* 516 *l.* 17 *ſh.* 4 *p. Money,* 168 *Cain Fowls,* 120 *Loads Carriage-Coals and* 5 *lib. for a Stone of Cheeſe and a Wedder, with a Coal and a great Number of Old and young Planting, and an Orchyard, Pidgeon-houſe and other Office-houſes, and about* 80 *Acres of Ground for Parking and labouring in the Knightsward, and Two Thirds of King's Muir not rentalled. The Progreſs, Rental and Conditions of Roup, are to be ſeen in the Hands of* William Forbes *Writer to the Signet, at his Writing Chamber in the Parliament Cloſs,* Edinburgh.

BY Order of Mr. *John Oglvie* of *Balbignie*, Mr. *John Forbes* of *Newhall*, and Mr. *Alexander Bayne* of *Rives*, Advocates, Truſtees and Arbiters for the Creditors of *David* Earl of *Northeſk*.

There are to give Notice that the ſaid Truſtees and Arbiters are to proceed in the Ranking; Now, that the moſt part of them have ſigned the Submiſſion, and for that End, the Arbiters have appointed the Credivors to give in their Claims and Inſtructions of Debt to *William Mercer* Writer in *Edinburgh*, Clerk to the ſaid Submiſſion, betwixt and the firſt of *January* next; and ſuch Creditors as have not as yet ſigned the Submiſſion by themſelves or by Proxy; are hereby advertiſed and deſired, to ſign the ſame, or ſend Powers to their Doers for that Effect, That they may not be precluded from the Benefit of the Diſpoſition granted by the ſaid Earl, in Favours of his Creditors; and that they likewiſe ſend up the Grounds of their Debt, and give in their Claims thereon, CERTIFYING, ſuch as do not herewith comply, the Arbiters will proceed without any further Delay.

†††† *That the Lands and Barony of* Neuck, *a ten Pound Land, holding of the Crown, with a good Dwelling-houſe and Office-houſes, Pigeon-houſe, Gardens, Planting and Incloſures, with a growing Wood, in a few Years fit for Cutting, ſituate very pleaſantly on the Banks of the Water of* Evan, *being near Eightyſix Pound* Sterling *of yearly Rent, and having the Superiority of Lands belonging to others, of about two Hundred and thirty Pound* Sterling *of yearly Value; all lying about thirteen Miles from* Edinburgh, *and two Miles from* Linlithgow, *are to be expoſed to publick voluntar Roup, on* Thurſday *the ſecond Day of* January *next, in the Houſe of* Patrick Herdman *Vintner in* Edinburgh, *betwixt Two and Three a Clock in the Afternoon. The Rental, Conditions of Roup, and Progreſs of Writs are to be ſeen in the Hands of* Alexander Guthrie *Writer to the* Signet, *at his Writing Chamber oppoſite to the Tolbooth of* Edinburgh.

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